

2. A device according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the charging pipe (3) has associated therewith a twist-off unit (4).

4. A device according to at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that the clip module (8) includes a loop former.**

6. A device according to at least one of the preceding claims, **characterized in that**, when seen in the direction of transport of the stuffed sausage skins, the transfer unit (12) is followed by a conveyor belt.

8. A device according to claim 1, characterized in that the stuffing unit (16), the length-dimensioning unit (5) and the clip module (8) are connected via control lines to a control means (7) for the sausage-producing device so that the functions of the length-dimensioning unit (5) and of the clip module (8) can be synchronized.

9. A device according to claims 1, 5 and 8, **characterized in that** the transfer unit (12) as well as the conveyor belt or the suspension unit are connected to the control means for the sausage-producing device via control lines so as to synchronize the functions of these components with the functions of the stuffing unit (16), of the length-dimensioning unit (5) and of the clip module (8).

10. A method of producing sausages comprising the steps of stuffing sausage skins via a charging pipe (3) and transporting them away in a controlled manner via a length-dimensioning unit (5), **characterized in that** the stuffed sausage skins are closed by a clip module (8) directly after the length-dimensioning unit (5).

11. A method according to claim 10, **characterized in that** the sausage skins are twisted off after stuffing and before they are transported away via the length-dimensioning unit (5).

12. A method according to claim 10 or 11, **characterized in that** the clip module (8) is controlled via a control means (7) in such a way that the stuffed sausage skins are closed synchronously with the stuffing of the sausage skins.

13. A method according to one of the claims 10 to 12, **characterized in that** the clip module (8) closes the stuffed sausage skins at two juxtaposed points.

14. A method according to claim 13, **characterized in that** the clip module (8) cuts through the stuffed sausage skins between these two points.

15. A method according to one of the claims 1 to 14, **characterized in that** cutting through is effected after each n-th closure so as to obtain chains of sausages which comprise a specific number of sausages ($n \in \mathbb{N}$).

16. A method according to one of the claims 10 to 15, **characterized in that** the clip module (8) closes the stuffed sausage skins twice at the twist-off point.

17. A method according to at least one of the claims 10 to 16, **characterized in that** the stuffed sausage skins, which have been closed by the clip module (8), are advanced to a transfer unit (12).

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